

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 and 32-125 have been allowed.

Claim 25 is rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,061,463 (Metz et al.). Claims 27-31 are rejected as obvious in view of Metz et al.

Claim 26 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Claim 25 has been amended to include the limitations of 26, and claim 26 has been canceled. As such, it is submitted that claims 25 and 27-31 are now also directed to allowable subject matter.

Except for claim 25, the claims for the most part have been amended to correct errors of a typographical, clerical or grammatical nature. As such, these are not narrowing but rather clarifying amendments. For instance, claims 1, 2, 21 and 32 have been amended to correct what appear to be typographical errors.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (510) 663-1100.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment (including any fees due for an extension of time), such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 504480 (Order No. IDTXP052).

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